

If we view health reform through the lens of the ongoing Massachusetts experiment, there are some fundamental principles to anchor the national effort.

1. Each of us has an individual responsibility to take care of our health—including screenings and check-ups, as well as maintaining health insurance to help pay for our care and that of our families.

2. Each of us has a collective responsibility, as citizens of a caring society, to support public policies that guarantee access to safe, high quality, affordable and patient-centered health care for everyone in society.

3. Each of us, in the field of health care, has a professional responsibility to strive for the highest level of competency, to ensure that we, and our colleagues in the patient care team, deliver the right care at the right time and in the right place.

These principles can serve as a shining beacon for health reform in the nation, much as this Commonwealth led the nation in propagating the principles of democratic government, social progress, and educational excellence throughout its proud history.

Massachusetts' first Governor, John Winthrop, wrote in 1630 about the social experiment being launched in this New World. He called upon his Puritan brethren and all their descendants to share their resources and gifts with others, "rejoice together, mourn together, labor and suffer together so that—"the world will say of succeeding plantations, may the Lord make it like that of New England . . . we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us." Sharing our gifts with others is the cornerstone of health care reform in Massachusetts and, I hope, it will be your personal cornerstone in your health care careers as well.

Truly, the eyes of all people in America are focused on the Massachusetts health reform experience as a framework for bringing expanded access to quality care to all Americans. But that's not all we're contributing to health care. This morning, Massachusetts is sending forth from this city upon a hill, a new class of highly skilled, and energized health care professionals with their degree in optometry in hand!

While past experience may teach us to be skeptical of the promises of any politician, to those of you who will dedicate your health care careers to the betterment of your state and all her people—I can promise a lifetime of challenge and opportunity, sometimes exciting and rewarding, sometimes slow and difficult, but always, always worthwhile.

And let me add one final bit of parting wisdom: No one ever injured his or her eyesight by looking on the bright side of things! The economy will improve! You'll earn a good living! And those of us in government can't wait to share in your success every April 15th!

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN MICHAEL  
T. DOYLE

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2009*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Captain Michael T. Doyle, upon his retirement from the Cleveland Police Department, following thirty years of dedicated service to the citizens of Cleveland.

Captain Doyle graduated from Normandy High School in Parma, Ohio, then went on to graduate with honors from Cleveland State University. Shortly thereafter, Captain Doyle

accepted a position in law enforcement as the Assistant Deputy Sheriff for Medina County. After four years, in 1981, he began his service to the City of Cleveland as a Cleveland Police officer.

Captain Doyle's service to our community extended across nearly every police district in the City and included work as patrol officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant and captain. Throughout his tenure, Captain Doyle fostered trust, communication and cooperation among individuals throughout our community, from neighborhood block club members to elected officials at Cleveland City Hall.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Captain Michael T. Doyle for his unwavering dedication to protecting the citizens of Cleveland, Ohio.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2009*

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman GARY G. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: FEMA, State and Local Programs

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of La Habra

Address of Requesting Entity: 201 E. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631

Funding Secured: \$254,500

Description of Request: Currently, the City of La Habra's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is a very small conference room within the Police Station. The maximum occupancy is less than a dozen individuals, and there is not adequate space or equipment to serve as an Emergency Operations Center, particularly if there were a large-scale emergency such as an earthquake, wildfires, act of terrorism, etc. During the recent "Golden Guardian" earthquake exercise in California, the team evaluating the City's performance noted the inadequacy of the facility and its hindrance to the exercise. The problems would be even more pronounced should there be an actual emergency requiring the mobilization of our first responders and emergency personnel. This project would provide for necessary equipment and modifications to establish the various required components of an EOC (Planning and Intelligence, Operations, Communications, Public Information, etc.). I believe that it is critical for Congress to use taxpayer dollars responsibly by investing in Southern California communities to prevent, combat, and contain the devastating threat of fire and natural disasters that routinely ravage the Southern California landscape

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR.  
DAVID GORDON PERSONS

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2009*

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Doctor David Gordon Persons on the occasion of his retirement from Wayside Presbyterian Church after thirty three years of leadership. It is my pleasure to recognize Reverend Dr. Persons and acknowledge him as an influential role model in the Western New York area.

Reverend Dr. Persons' leadership abilities were apparent at an early age. As a student of Sherman High School, he was lettered in both basketball and track and he was a member of the Top Math Team to represent Western New York at Boys Town. Upon graduating from Sherman High School in 1961, he received the American Legion Citizen of the Year award.

Reverend Dr. Persons' commitment to the Western New York community is evident by his leadership, devotion and dedication to the people in our community. His community service extended to the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as Chaplain and Life Member for over thirty years. He was also a member of the Kiwanis Club from 1979 to 1986.

His belief that understanding and reaching out to the world can make a difference led to his co-founding of the Task Force to Reduce the Nuclear Arms Race at the United Nations, which later became the Peace Committee of Western New York. He has been a major influence and inspiration in the lives of young people. From 1979 to 1986, he led yearly youth group bike tours in Western New York and Southern Pennsylvania. Reverend Dr. Persons also led a youth group to the 20th Anniversary of Martin Luther King's speech.

Foremost, Reverend Dr. Persons has been integral to the life of his congregation. Over his religious career, he has officiated at some six hundred funerals, six hundred weddings and one thousand baptisms. His skills were recognized by his colleagues, and from 1965 to 1967, Reverend Dr. Persons was President of the Preaching Association in Seminary. In 1987, he was awarded grants to study meditation in ashrams in India. He is currently Moderator of Wright's Memorial Presbyterian Church—Native American Church in Irving, New York as well as Moderator of Presbytery of Western New York. He also holds the positions of the Chair of Presbytery Church and Society Committee as well as the Head of Presbytery Worship Committee.

Madam Speaker, along with his family, friends and great admirers who will join together today at the Wanakah Country Club, I am honored to pay tribute to the admirable accomplishments of Reverend Dr. Persons. His life of leadership, compassion and service to others is truly an example for us all on the enormous difference one person can make. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

WEB SITE INCLUSION OF VA  
SCHOLARSHIPS

SPEECH OF

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2009*

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1172—to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors. This important measure would provide an invaluable resource for our veterans and their survivors. In an effort to increase information accessibility, this bill would create a convenient section within the Veterans Affairs Department website for veterans and/or their survivors to view all available veteran scholarship opportunities that various public and private organizations sponsor throughout the year. I commend Rep. JOHN BOOZMAN for bringing this measure before the floor.

My veteran constituents frequently contact me with reports on the many administrative failures and shortcomings of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Slow processes and backlogs have become the expectation rather than an exception in the level of service our veterans receive. This is unfortunate as we send these brave men and women to armed conflict, and yet, we cannot provide them with the necessary tools and resources to become re-oriented with society. This bill provides one solution to a relatively simple problem. I have no doubt, however, that many veterans and their families will appreciate this information, especially in light of the economic recession.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to add my voice of support for H.R. 1172. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that we continue to provide the necessary resources towards improving our Department of Veterans Affairs' administration and services.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA**HON. THOMAS S.P. PERRIELLO**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2009*

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, today I recognize the First Baptist Church of Danville, Virginia, which celebrates its 175th anniversary on June 28, 2009. Since its founding in 1834, the First Baptist Church has been a source of fellowship, education, and service in its community and beyond.

Although the First Baptist Church has suffered from a terrible fire, moved its location several times, seen the town it serves grow from 1,000 to almost 50,000, and faced countless other changes throughout its long history, it remains true to its founding principles. Under the leadership of Reverend Stephen Cook, today the church is a community of strong relationships, where individuals bond over worship, meals, study, and music. Their affinity extends beyond just Sunday mornings to include weekly dinners, small group meetings, choirs and instrumental ensembles, programs for seniors and children, cultural outings, and

engagement in the larger community through service.

I commend the First Baptist Church and its leadership on this commitment to hands-on service, whether locally, elsewhere in our nation, or abroad. The church has stated, "When our worship together ends, our service truly begins," and it has undoubtedly abided by this principle. The numerous organizations that have benefitted from the dedication and generosity of the church's congregants include Hope Harbor, Hope Tree Family Services, God's Storehouse, Kloth's 4 Kids, the Danville Homeless Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, and Baptist World Aid. The efforts of the First Baptist Church to live out its mission in its works are an inspiring example: we should all strive to be so diligent in following the call to love and serve our fellow man.

The Book of Isaiah tells us, "And if you give yourself to the hungry, and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness, and your gloom will become like midday." I congratulate the First Baptist Church on its tireless efforts to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the Danville community, and I hope that its light will continue to shine for many years to come.

ARMY RESERVE ASSOCIATION'S  
ENLISTED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**HON. TODD TIAHRT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 26, 2009*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I am honored today to speak on a wonderful program that impacts the lives of many great heroes and their families. The Army Reserve Association's, ARA United States Army Reserve, USAR Enlisted Scholarship Program awards a \$500 scholarship to assist qualifying enlisted reservists or their dependents attend an institution of higher learning.

Started in 2000 as an initiative of Command Sergeant Major Ray Lackey, this program has awarded a total of \$225,500 in scholarships. Through the generosity of the United Services Automobile Association, USAA, the administrative efforts of the ARA, and the support of the USAR, these patriots have the opportunity to pursue their dreams. The opportunity to further their education not only benefits these heroes, but the Army Reserve and the country as a whole.

I applaud the Army Reserve Association and all those responsible for this effort on behalf of our Army Reserve soldiers and their families. Additionally, I request that the following two letters regarding this program be inserted into the record: a letter from the Army Reserve Association and a letter from Lieutenant General Jack C. Stultz, Chief of the Army Reserve.

THE ARMY RESERVE ASSOCIATION,  
*Fort McPherson, GA, March 3, 2009.*  
Subject ARA Enlisted Scholarship Program Standards Approval.

Lieutenant General JACK C. STULTZ,  
*Commanding General,*  
*U.S. Army Reserve*

DEAR LIEUTENANT GENERAL STULTZ: This letter requests you approve the standards of the ARA Enlisted Scholarship Program listed below. Request approval of the following standards:

- (1) a member of the USAR not under flag or pending disciplinary action;
- (2) qualified in the MOS of their position of assignment;
- (3) attending or entering an institution of higher learning (2 or 4 year college, vocational school, bible college, etc.) that is regionally or nationally accredited;
- (4) military dependents must be registered in DEERS.

The applicant's chain of command CSM or SGM will certify that the applicant meets qualification standards (1) through (4), as applicable.

The ARA Enlisted Scholarships are for enlisted members of the United States Army Reserve and their dependent family members. Each year the ARA offers scholarships to each major command to which USAR members are assigned as designated by the Command Sergeant Major of the USAR. The annual goal of awarding fifty scholarships is predicated on the number of major commands participating and the number of scholarship applicants from each major command, as well as the amount of funds donated by the program cosponsor, the United Services Automobile Association (USAA).

The Army Reserve Association will create an announcement for the annual scholarship program and will transmit that announcement to the USARC G-1 with a request that the USARC G-1 forward the announcement to each major command. The announcement will include the approved standards and an application form that each command's applicants can use to apply for the scholarships. The calendar year program's closing date for receipt of all applications is 31 December, unless a waiver is granted.

We request the USARC G-1 to forward the scholarship program announcement to USAR commands with instructions on submitting the applications to the USARC G-1 together with submission dates specified by the USARC G-1, so that applications can be forwarded to the ARA in time for evaluation and award of scholarships.

The ARA will appoint a selection board with a board president from its existing association membership to select nominations for award of the ARA Enlisted Scholarship Award. Board members will serve in their private-citizen capacity and not in any military role and the board recorder may be a member of the Army Reserve Association. The selection list will be compiled, signed by the ARA enlisted scholarship selection board president and forwarded to the ARA for issuance of individual scholarship awards. The ARA may choose to either present or mail the awards to the Soldier's command or directly to the individual.

We appreciate your continued support and assistance in implementing this program. Sincerely,

MG KENT HILLHOUSE (R),  
*President, Army Reserve Association.*

COL GEORGE M. LIND, (R)  
*Director, ARA Field Support Services.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, OFFICE  
OF THE CHIEF, ARMY RESERVE,  
WASHINGTON, DC, APRIL 24, 2009.  
Major General KENT HILLHOUSE, RETIRED,  
*Winfield, Kansas.*

DEAR GENERAL HILLHOUSE: This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 3, 2009, requesting approval of the eligibility standards for the Army Reserve Association (ARA) Enlisted Scholarship Program. I approve the following eligibility standards:

- a. an enlisted member of the U.S. Army Reserve not under flag or pending disciplinary action
- b. qualified in the MOS of their position of assignment